

# British Seeing Double on McCone

## *New CIA Chief Viewed As Administrator, Crusader*

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LONDON—Two contradictory pictures of John A. McCone have been given to the long-suffering British public on the eve of his confirmation as new head of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Depending on which paper you read the California-born



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engineer and industrialist was either a non-political administrator who intended to run the agency with complete deference to the President and Congress or a red hot Catholic crusader whose personal convictions were of great importance.

The first view was reflected in the Daily Express, which reported McCone as saying "I don't consider the job as a policy making post."

This is likely to please those Britishers who criticized McCone's predecessor, Allen Dulles, for his alleged assumption of political responsibility in connection with the U-2 spy plane affair, the abortive invasion of Cuba and the mix-up in Laos.

The Daily Express also noted to everybody's satisfac-

tion that McCone planned to report regularly to four congressional committees on the CIA's activities.

THE OTHER picture was presented by Miss Nora Beloff, Washington correspondent of the important Sunday Observer.

She referred to McCone as "a millionaire, a zealous Catholic and an ardent anti-Communist crusader" and recalled that Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.) had said of him that he "epitomizes all that makes America great."

Thurmond is commonly regarded in Britain as a modern-day Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Miss Beloff, whose father was born in Russia, added: "The appointment of Mr. McCone, who has very little experience in international affairs and views the Russians as devils incarnate, to the sensitive post of evaluating American foreign intelligence has been received with hardly a murmur of dismay."